

I OPPOSE FURTHER MEDIA CONSOLIDATION!

And I am not alone. The number of Americans who are opposed to media consolidation is overwhelming!

A CNN poll asked: are you against media consolidation?  
96% of Americans said they were AGAINST Media consolidation. (\*)

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS UNITE IN OPPOSITION TO MEDIA CONSOLIDATION!

Given public's opinion, why would the public watchdog the FCC support Media deregulation? The FCC's main purpose is to regulate the PUBLIC AIRWAVES and maintain the principles of Diversity, Localism and Competition. It is quickly becoming obvious to ALL Americans that the FCC's proposed de-regulation of the Media industry is an absolute violation of these principles.

But DESPITE the massive public outcry by Americans from ALL walks of life (both myself, a centrist Democrat, and my Father, a former executive of the Boy Scouts of America and a staunch Republican, are united in our opposition to Media de-regulation) – DESPITE the denouncement by multitudes of special interest groups, ranging from Parents Groups (worried about increased violence on TV) and even conservative groups like the National Rifle Association (who want to maintain their constitutional freedoms) – DESPITE the call for delay on the part of BOTH Democrat and Republican Representatives and Congressional members (there are propositions on the table calling for the FCC to simply just respond) – YES, DESPITE all the opposition to the media deregulation, it seems that chairman Powell is trying to pretend that there is "no real interest in debate"!!!!!!

THIS SIMPLY IS NOT THE TRUTH, AND I FEEL THAT TO "PRETEND" OTHERWISE IS TO CHEAPEN AND WEAKEN AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

But considering how the FCC has been wined and dined by the corporate media lobbies (Chairman Powell himself took numerous of trips to Vegas and elsewhere paid for by the media lobbies), it is little wonder how the Media conglomerates hold sway over the FCC.

Not only is the FCC NOT monitoring the Media corporations, Chairman Powell may actually aiding the Media lobbies. It has been reported that Powell has had meetings with the "mid" level owners who previously opposed the Media de-regulation, in which Powel managed to convince some of these smaller companies to do an about-face and come out in SUPPORT the media de-regulation (Most likely in return from other concessions from the FCC). \*

(\*source: BILL MOYERS interview "who owns the airwaves" at [www.pbs.org/now/](http://www.pbs.org/now/))

How is this acceptable? How is this appropriate? How is not "insider-trading"?  
How is this not an ABUSE of GOVERNMENT POWER?

The American Public WILL NOT STAND for the miss-use of government power. Chairman Powell and his supporters on FCC MUST allow the public to have a say in the regulation of the PUBLIC airwaves!

THE FCC MUST DELAY THE VOTE AND INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THIS ISSUE!

Know this — The battle WILL NOT END even if the proposed de-regulation passes. The American public will continue to learn of what is going on in the FCC and there will be ramifications.

If this vote for de-regulation passes, it will hurt the Republican party today and in the 2004 elections. Blatantly ignoring the public's interests could ultimately make the voters say "The Republicans really ARE in support of Big Business instead of the average people of America. Just look how the FCC handled the Public Airwaves over to the Corporate Media giants, DESPITE the overwhelming public outcry?"

The FCC vote in favor of big business will be held up by the Democrats and Independents as "PROOF" that the Republican party is "out of touch with the average American" and in the service of big business.

So I ask you please do not make a foolish mistake...

DELAY THE VOTE!! AND LET THE PUBLIC BE HEARD!!